

April 4, 2002

To: Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, Chairman
Supervisor Gloria Molina
Supervisor Yvonne Brathwaite Burke
Supervisor Don Knabe
Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich

From: David E. Janssen
Chief Administrative Officer

ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY COMMISSION'S REVIEW OF EMANCIPATION SERVICES

On March 5, 2002, on motion of Supervisor Antonovich, the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) and my office were instructed to report back in 30 days on the progress on implementing the recommendations included in the Los Angeles County Citizens' Economy and Efficiency (E&E) Commission's February 2002 report, "A Review of Emancipation Services". We were further instructed to complete a program and budget feasibility study of the report and report back within three weeks to your Board regarding the budget impact, proposed timeline, and impact the recommendations would have on current DCFS funded mandates.

We are currently finalizing the Emancipation Services/Independent Living Program (ES/ILP) quarterly status report due to your Board by April 12, 2002. Many of the recommendations identified in the E&E Commission's report are also included in the *Findings and Recommendations Regarding Los Angeles County's Emancipation and Independent Living Programs* report, prepared by Sharon Watson, which forms the basis for our quarterly reports. In order to provide you with a comprehensive report on the current status of all our efforts related to ES/ILP, we plan to consolidate the responses to the abovementioned motions in the quarterly status report.

We will share a copy of the draft report with your staff by April 5, 2002, and the final report will be submitted to your Board no later than April 12, 2002.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information, or your staff may contact Kathy House at (213) 974-1323.

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